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Numeiry seeks second term

KHARTOUM, March 22 (R). — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiry said today he would nominate himself for a second term in office.

Speaking at the opening session of the Sudan Workers Congress, the president said: "I have made it clear that the next stage needs strength, ability, health and thought. If the masses see that I will be possessing these, then I have no choice but to nominate myself for a second term."

ion system for Israel

March 22 (AFP). — Israel is installing electronic detection system under highlands to avert the danger of attack, it was reported here today. The press, quoting statements by Minister Shimon Peres at a dinner Friday, said the installations ran from the north through Jerusalem to the south.

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Beirut fighting leaves over 100 dead; Franjeh proposes face-saving exit

BEIRUT, March 22 (R). — Day-long battles between right and left-wing factions left at least 100 people dead in Beirut today, the bloodiest 24 hours in nearly a year of civil strife.

Rightwing Phalangists, supporting President Suleiman Franjeh, resumed their artillery barrage on the city's Moslem areas with batteries of 155-mm guns dug into the mountains northeast of Beirut.

The 65-year-old President continued to resist demands from many quarters that he should resign immediately. He met the Lebanese cabinet to discuss ways for him to leave office in what has been described as a gracious fashion.

As the politicians met, furious fighting for control of the 26-storey Holiday Inn Hotel, near the seafont, continued between Mr. Franjeh's rightwing supporters and his leftist opponents.

Towards evening police sources said 100 people had been killed in the previous 12 hours, but in the general confusion and sometimes terror caused by the shelling it was impossible to gain accurate casualty figures.

Leftists toured the streets of west Beirut with loudspeakers, advising people of precautions to take if concentrated shelling occurred.

The independent Nasserite radio said leftwing forces had quelled rightist resistance in the Holiday Inn and the whole seafont hotel district was under their control.

While the country shuddered to the roar of high explosives, President Franjeh put forward as his own a Syrian plan intended to take the heat out of the crisis.

But observers doubted whether it went as far as to satisfy demands for his immediate removal demanded by Progressive Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt and his fellow leftists.

The Phalangist radio announced that a new Syrian mediation team would arrive here tomorrow to seek a way out of the crisis, but observers questioned whether the passions now aroused may not have outrun the curbs Damascus might put on them.

A key element in the Syrian plan would be to extend from two to six months the period before the end of a president's term in which parliament may elect his successor.

Mr. Franjeh's term has just six months to run, and Syria and his Lebanese supporters

may hope to keep him in office that long if a successor can be chosen well in advance.

At an emergency session of the cabinet today the President put this forward as his own idea, saying the new president would need a longer period to acquaint himself with the task.

At the meeting, the cabinet took three decisions which it hoped would speed an end to the Lebanese crisis.

The key decision involved the amendment to the constitution. Other decisions involved an amnesty to all civil war-related dissidents and a resumption of tripartite regional committees charged with ensuring respect of the Jan. 22 ceasefire.

Later leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt declared that he opposed the emergency measures adopted by the cabinet.

He said he continued to support a parliamentary petition calling for the immediate and

unconditional departure of the chief of state, adding that he was "astonished" that the government had met "under the chairmanship of the man whose resignation they are demanding."

Also Monday, French Vice Consul Guy Marioulet was injured in the arms and leg when a mortar shell exploded outside his office near the hotel area of Beirut, a French embassy spokesman said.

The Vice Consul was taken to the American Hospital, where his condition was described as fairly serious.

No further details were immediately available.

Arab protests continue despite some concessions by Israelis

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank, March 22, (R). — Israeli troops again clashed violently with students here today as civic leaders tried to calm tension over a Jewish settlement outside this occupied Arab town on the West Bank.

The 71-year-old mayor, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, presided over a mass meeting of traders and officials and later announced he would withdraw his resignation at the insistence of Israeli Defence Minister Shimon Peres.

He had been the ninth Arab mayor to quit after recent clashes throughout the territory between students and Israeli troops.

The mayor told a press conference that he was demanding the release of all youths arrested by the Israelis.

After moving out yesterday, Israeli troops re-entered the town of 40,000 inhabitants this morning to break up a demonstration by about 200 students.

At the same meeting, teachers protested that the soldiers had pursued pupils into a nearby school. They said the mayor should insist that the troops must leave.

With tension still running high in the town, the principal district judge, Sheikh Rajab Dayub, told the meeting in the town hall that residents wanted peace and quiet but were being "trampled on" by Jews from the controversial nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba.

This was set up in 1970, despite Arab protests, near the site of a former Jewish settlement. The area contains a religious site sacred to both Jews and Moslems which has been a flashpoint for religious troubles.

It houses, the Ibrahim Mosque and the tombs of the Jewish patriarchs. Arabs were furious when the Israeli government partitioned the Ibrahim Mosque among Moslems and Jews.

The leader of the Jewish settlement, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, was reprimanded by the Defence Minister for what Mr. Peres called "provocation" in ordering his guards to shoot to hit Arabs if they felt themselves endangered by the demonstrations.

The authorities have now ban-



AGONY OF WAR. — Leftist gunman from the Mourabitoun stands with his rifle at the entrance of the Holiday Inn hotel in Beirut after a fierce battle with the right wing Phalangist party on Sunday which led to the seizure of the hotel by the Mourabitoun. (AP wirephoto).

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His Majesty said, is the most suitable instrument by which peace in the region could be worked out. He was welcomed at the airport by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Fawwaz Abul Ghanam, the Director of Protocol at the Ministry, Mr. Zaki Qus, the Soviet Ambassador to Jordan and embassy staff.

Mr. Vinogradov, sources say, is on a mission partly designed to try and revive the Geneva conference, or at least set up a preparatory conference. The Geneva conference was adjourned after a brief session in December 1973.

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IONS, March 22 (R). — The Palestine Liberation Front (PLO) was seated at the Security Council for a debate on the will cross sw-

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would continue to object to the erosion of rules.

France, Britain and Italy abstained and the 11 other members voted in favour of seating the PLO at the table without any reference to the specific rules of procedure which deal with the seating of non-members.

French delegate Jacques Leconte said the Palestinians should be heard in international discussions of problems affecting them.

Delegates of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Yugoslavia were given permission to take part in the debate, expected to last at least two days, but were not seated at the Council table.

Libyan Ambassador Mansur Rashid Kikhia said the Council must take "prompt and effective measures to put an end to Israeli actions in occupied Jerusalem and on the West Bank."

Egyptian Ambassador Ismat Abdul Meguid called for the exercise by the Palestinian people of their right to self-determination, and he urged the Council to condemn Israel's "brutal and illegal actions in" (Continued on page 6)

led holds cooperation talks in Kuwait

22 (R). — ing together all the Gulf states, Saudi Arabia including Iran, the sources added.

The Saudi Arabian monarch arrived here yesterday for a two-day state visit as part of a five-nation tour of the Gulf states.

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al-Faisal said the talks were constructive and enabled the two leaders to develop joint action "at this crucial moment for the Gulf region and for the Arab nation."

During his meeting last night with the Kuwaiti leader, King Khalid also discussed the possibility of setting up joint economic projects and the limits of territorial waters between the two countries, the sources said.

Defence and foreign ministers of the two states also held separate meetings. No details were given.

The King leaves for Bahrain tomorrow, the second stop on his Gulf tour.

Kreisky ends tour

VIENNA, March 22 (R). — Australian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky returned tonight from a five-nation Middle East tour at the head of a Socialist International delegation.

Dr. Kreisky flew back to Vienna from Damascus, where he had an airport meeting with Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Al-Ayoubi.

The Socialist International mission, the third which Dr. Kreisky has led to the Middle East, visited Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Earlier in a press statement, in Damascus, Dr. Kreisky said "there are obstacles and difficulties in the way of establishing peace in the region, but this should in no way prevent making" (Continued on page 6)

Britain proposes settlement plan for Rhodesia dispute

LONDON, March 22, (R). — stage involved four points:

1. Acceptance of majority rule.
2. Elections for majority rule to take place in 18 months to two years.
3. Agreement that there will be no independence before majority rule.
4. The negotiations to get a constitutional settlement must not be long drawn out.

If these pre-conditions were agreed the second stage of negotiating the actual terms of an independence constitution could begin.

In his statement to a crowded House of Commons, Mr. Callaghan warned grimly: "As things are, Mr. Smith is leading his country on the path of death and destruction."

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Come off it, Maggie

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the British Conservative Party and opposition leader, arrived in Tel-Aviv Sunday for a three-day visit to Israel.

Upon her arrival, she was questioned about her attitude to the Palestine Liberation Organisation and replied that international policy could not be made with "terrorism."

This is the same Margaret Thatcher who several months ago visited Egypt and Syria and told a Damascus press conference that Middle East peace must be based on United Nations resolutions and that the Palestinian people are a central element in the search for peace.

Now she tells the Israelis that one doesn't make policy with "terrorism," in the finest example of how a Western politician talks out of both sides of his or her mouth in that damnable process that makes people say things that sound good but mean very little.

Somebody should tell Mrs Thatcher that she is not in Israel to win votes — or is she? — and that she does not have to spew forth phrases that she thinks her audience of the moment wants to hear.

Does she think the PLO represents terrorism? Does she know the meaning of the word terrorism? Does she have the faintest idea of what has happened in Palestine and the Middle East during the past 50 years, and how the concept of Zionist terrorism fits into this regional bit of history? If she does not make policy with terrorism, why does she meet with experienced terrorists par excellence such as Yigal Allon? Will she ask the Israeli leaders about the Zionist terror in Palestine that was used against the British? Is there in the family history of the Thatcher's someone who served in Palestine and was perhaps the victim of Zionist terror?

One suggests to Mrs. Thatcher that she weigh her words more carefully, and asks her kindly please not to burden an already complicated situation in the Middle East with the expedient but rapid rhetoric that is the product of Anglo-Saxon electoral imperatives.

If Mrs. Thatcher believes the PLO represents terror, she is a brave woman indeed to have let her daughter live and work at the Kfar-Hanasse kibbutz in Upper Galilee several years ago. Does Mrs. Thatcher condone a family member playing a direct role in the Zionist colonisation and occupation of Palestine, as she herself appears to foster this with her stupid words? One supposes that it is a stroke of luck that the Palestinian terrorists did not hurt a member of the Thatcher family who has had a hand in trying to give Zionism the artificial roots in the Palestinian soil that it is fundamentally unable to grow for itself.

One has the right to ask people like Mrs. Thatcher who insist on coming out here to the Middle East to view the situation honestly and with an open mind, and tell us in plain, simple words what they intend to contribute to the search for peace. We don't need double-talk and sorry displays of obsequious verbiage.

Speak the truth, Maggie, and it shall make thee free.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

In its editorial Sunday, Al Ra'i refers to the arrival Monday in Amman of the Soviet envoy Valdimir Vinogradov and says that he is arriving within the silent, but intensified contacts on the Middle East problem. For, the paper goes on, after Washington declared its readiness—by authorisation of Israel—to move anew, all the other parties concerned started also to move ahead with the least possible ado, to find a common ground for these international endeavours.

Al Ra'i continued: "What concerns us, however, is the Jordanian point of view, which was described by the Austrian Chancellor as reasonable and practical, and which was aired by His Majesty King Hussein during his recent Far East trip. This is the solution of the Palestine problem through negotiations with Jordan out of the question; for Palestine has now its legitimate negotiator; Geneva without a seat for the Palestinians, will not achieve any solution; the Palestine seat there, should not be a half-seat, or a seat behind the curtain; for the basic thing is to acknowledge that the whole issue is that of Palestine, and that its solution requires, before anything else, formal recognition of the legitimacy of the party representing the issue."

In another editorial Al Ra'i commented on the Battle of Al Karamah which was commemorated Sunday, when on March



INSPECTING. — British Conservative Leader Margaret Thatcher currently on a visit to Israel is shown inspecting the Israeli-made 'Kfir' airplane near Tel Aviv Monday morning.

Jordan Valley Development Plan (III)

B. Social Services:

1. Education Facilities:

The Valley regional education system is based on the premise that within each village every neighborhood has separate boys and girls elementary and preparatory schools. The secondary school system is divided into nine districts, each

located to allow easy transportation access and minimize travel distances. In keeping with the Development Plan's emphasis on improving the quality of life, the school program will include facilities for, and instruction in, subjects usually found only in urban areas, (i.e. physics and chemistry labs, ho-

ice of urban products and services.

5. Recreational and Cultural Facilities:

Existing, mosques, tombs, and other religious sites are being preserved and where possible, upgraded and incorporated into the villages as religious



Women workers bring in the bounty of the Jordan Valley: tomatoes, lettuce, radish, etc.

me economics, and good libraries).

2. Health Facilities:

The regional health service system is divided into five districts based on population size and distance factors. Within each health service district is a medical center to be staffed by two doctors, emergency beds, X-ray units, dental and eye-units, labs, and limited surgery facilities. Out-patient health clinics with a resident doctor are located in medium-sized villages.

The smallest of the villages will have a small clinic, visited by a doctor twice a week.

3. Commercial Facilities:

Commercial facilities are located on a primary road near the community center, or entrance from the main Valley highway, to facilitate accessibility to local residents and transient traffic. Commercial buildings will be built and leased to entrepreneurs. Adequate parking, truck and bus terminal facilities are provided at the commercial center.

4. Government and Administrative Facilities:

Government and local municipal administrative services will be grouped together within each settlement near the commercial center. Regional government facilities, are located in three administrative centers along the Valley. These regional centers coincide with the major regional commercial service centers, and, because of their size and location, are capable of supplying a sophisticated cho-

ice of urban products and services. Potential touristic sites are also being developed to serve both the local community and visitors to the Valley.

Local recreation areas are provided by the yards and athletic fields of schools. Minor or open spaces are provided in the residential neighborhoods, particularly to serve pre-school children. Unbuildable land forms such as wadis, rock outcrops, katar land and steep slopes are to be converted to public open spaces or community pathways, by planting, forestation, erosion control structures, or other appropriate measures.

6. Housing Facilities:

The housing areas within villages are based on neighbourhood clusters of lots served by paved roads at a maximum of 100 meter distance. Immediate access to each house lot is provided by at least an unpaved pedestrian way. The basic residential lot is 12 by 24 metres (288 square metres) with narrow side as frontage. Choice of building materials is left to the inhabitants.

Price subsidy on the first residential lot is one incentive with the sale of additional lots to wealthier inhabitants at market value. Another housing financial aid is a 20 year mortgage, soft-loan program, that would allow prospective residents to finance construction of their house, complete with service connections.

(to be continued tomorrow)

Economic ties to be fostered with North Dakota

AMMAN. — The Governor of North Dakota, Mr. Arthur Link and his accompanying delegation, left here Monday noon at the end of a week-long visit during which he met Crown Prince Hassan and high ranking government officials.

During his visit Mr. Link looked over the development projects included in the Five Year Plan, in particular those of the Jordan Valley region.

He was seen off at the airport by the Mayor of Amman, the Undersecretaries of the Ministries of Justice and Agriculture and the U.S. Ambassador in Amman.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce in North Dakota Richard Crocket was received Sunday by Mr. Mohammad Ali Bdeir, President of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Federation. Mr. Bdeir briefed his guest on the projects included in the Five Year Plan, the investment opportunities which exist, and the laws

to encourage foreign investment which have been introduced by the government. Mr. Bdeir stressed readiness of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce to provide the necessary detailed information to any pertinent parties in North Dakota interested in investing in Jordan's industrial projects.

Mr. Crocket hoped that cooperation between businessmen of the two sides will increase in the future as a result of the visit, and promised to provide Jordanian businessmen with the necessary information relative to economic and commercial activities in North Dakota.

50 years of Iran's dynasty

AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein sent Sunday a congratulatory cable to Emperor Rida Pahlavi on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the accession of his family to power, which also coincides with the Iranian New Year.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the reign of the Pahlavi Dynasty, the Iranian Embassy held a reception Monday evening.

Jordan-Iran talk "tourism"

AMMAN. — The Undersecretary of the Iranian Ministry of Information and Tourism Dr. Fathallah Sa'adat arrived here Monday morning for a visit at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

During his stay, he will hold talks with Ministry officials to implement the tourist agreement concluded by the two parties last year, as well as to discuss the increase of touristic cooperation between Iran and Jordan.

Economic, financial team visits Iraq

AMMAN. — A Jordanian delegation headed by the Minister of Finance Mr. Salem Massadeh left here for Baghdad Sunday evening for a visit of several days to hold economic and financial talks aimed at consolidating the existing cooperation in these fields between the two countries.

The delegation includes the Minister of Transport Mr. Mahmoud Hawamdeh, the National Planning Council Secretary General Mr. Wassef Azar and several officials from the Ministries of Public Works, Industry and Commerce, and the Aqaba Port Authority.

Pakistan celebrates national day

Today is the National Day of Pakistan, and the Times takes the opportunity to salute the people of Pakistan and tender best wishes and fraternal regards to all Pakistani citizens in Jordan throughout the world.

The celebration of Pakistan's National Day is particularly dear to all and good people of Pakistani nation, has consistently supported the people in their inaction to see justice in Palestine.

On this National Day, we send our greetings and good wishes to the people of Pakistan and the courageous leader Mr. Ali Bhutto.

NATION BRIEF

● AMMAN. — Jordanian Arab Boycott Office Bisbarat will participate in meetings of the Boycott Council in Alexandria on Monday which will discuss developments in the oil field and in the U.S. regulation of Arab Boycott Bureau.

● AMMAN. — The Ministry of Culture and Information Mr. Salah Abu Zeid received Mr. Ibrahim Zaidan's Ambassador to Jordan, as well as the ambassador to Jordan, Pickering.

● AMMAN. — The Upper House of the Parliament Mr. Bahjat Talib visited Sunday Jordan's ambassador to Switzerland and the Kuwaiti and Saudi ambassadors to Jordan.

● AMMAN. — An Iranian delegation led by the Mayor of Teheran here Monday for a visit to discuss with the Jordanian Municipal officials of common interest.

● AMMAN. — The Chief of Staff General Grigaut and his delegation left here Monday at the end of a day visit during which with His Majesty King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan and high ranking military

Middle East Telecom Electronics

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MITI plans to abolish prices for wholesale oil products

TOKYO, Mar. 22, (AFP). — The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) plans to abolish—possibly in April—wholesale prices for petroleum products set to salvage deficit-ridden oil firms.

Negotiations between the oil and petrochemical industries on price increases for naphtha—a kind of refined oil used as a raw material of petrochemical products—are expected to be concluded early next month ending a round of price hikes for oil products, MITI sources said.

The standard price system was introduced last December for three vital products—gasoline, fuel oil and naphtha—under the petroleum business law to help the ailing oil industry negotiate prices raises offsetting recent increases in the cost of crude oil imports.

It called for an average increase of 10 per cent to 31,000 yen (\$ 103) per kiloliter from 28,700 yen (\$ 96).

Around 80 per cent of the proposed increase has been realized, with talks on Naphtha prices entering a final stretch the sources said.

The oil industry is continuing production cutbacks to pressure for price hikes under a supply program mapped out with MITI's aid.

The oil companies have been in close cooperation so far but MITI, trying to consolidate the industry through closer partnership or even mergers taking advantage of the crisis, is concerned they may swing into fresh competition with one another once the price hikes run their course.

MITI will step up efforts for consolidation of the industry

U.S. extends \$75m loans to Portugal

LISBON, March 22 (AFP). — The United States has awarded Portugal three loans totalling \$75 million for the purchase of U.S. food, Trade Minister Salgado Zenha said here today on his return from a visit to Washington.

The socialist minister also said he had secured a \$48 million seven-year loan from the International Monetary Fund.

Portugal could also count on early World Bank aid worth several dozen million dollars for a number of economic development projects, he said.

The Trade Minister said he had initiated negotiations with the American administration with a view to securing that Portugal would benefit from the U.S. generalised system of preferences.

This would help increase Portuguese exports to the U.S. market, he said.

in the new fiscal year starting April 1 under subsidies and other financial assistance, the sources said.

Iran, Japan to start joint petrochemical project

TOKYO, March 22 (R). — The Japanese and Iranian governments have exchanged notes on the extension by the former of a twenty-eight point eight million yen credit to help finance a joint petrochemical project which the National Petroleum Co. (NPC) of Iran and a Mitsui group of Japan (Mitsui and Co., Oto Soda Manufacturing, Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals, Mitsui petrochemical and Nippon Synthetic Rubber) are promoting.

The project calls for the construction of a huge petrochemical complex in Bandarshapur at an estimated cost of five hundred fifty billion yen to produce three hundred thousand tons of ethylene from casing head gas annually and various derivatives, with the Iranian side bearing a hundred fifty billion yen and the Japanese three hundred billion.

The credit to be extended from the bank is repayable over twenty years including a five-year grace at four per cent per annum. In addition, the bank is to lend thirty-six point two billion yen to cover deferred payments for items exported from Japan and furnish direct loans up to sixty billion yen.

BADEA finances 12 projects worth \$85.5m

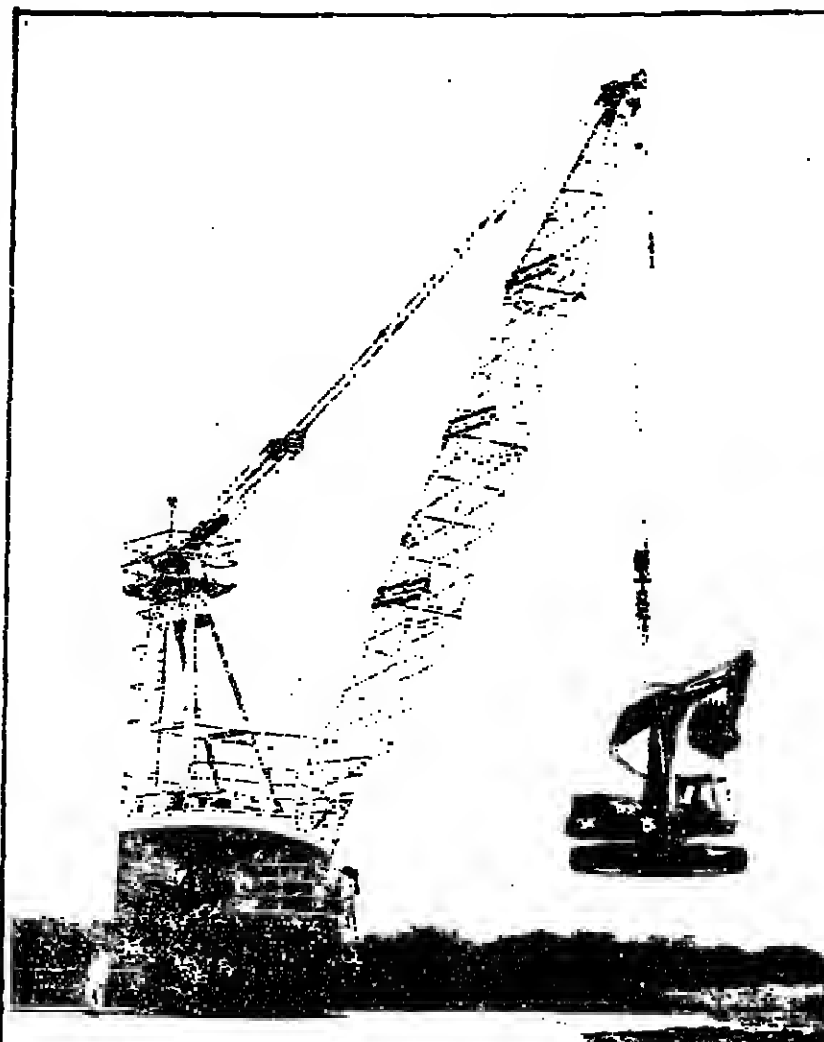
TUNIS, Mar. 22, (AFP). — The administrative council of the Arab Bank for African Economic Development (BADEA) opened its fourth session here yesterday.

At its last meeting in November the council approved 12 projects worth \$85.5 million in African countries.

The bank, which has its headquarters in Khartoum, Sudan, was set up at the Arab Summit Conference in Algeria in 1973.

UNIDO to be turned into autonomous agency

VIENNA, Mar. 22, (R). — U.N. member countries began discussions here today on turning the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) into an autonomous agency.



SEALION OUT OF WATER. — To snatch a 94 tonne load from the crest of a 12 metre wave in the raging North Sea is a feat which this Priestman 'Sealion' crane takes in its stride. The crane is seen here lifting a 25 tonne hydraulic excavator during a test at its British manufacturer in Eastern England. Developed as a result of worldwide enquiries for a crane suitable for use on offshore platforms, docksides or on workboats, it can withstand rough weather — including high winds and high water — and is fitted with a high speed winching system which provides the exceptional 'Snatch' lifting capability.

World Bank: 2/3 of mankind poor

WASHINGTON, March 22 AFP. — One third of mankind lives on an average of less than 200 dollars a year, while eight per cent on an average of over 5,000, the World Bank said here yesterday.

Publishing a study based on 1973 per capita income figures, the Bank said the average Kuwaiti earned 12,050 dollars a year. The figures for the United Arab Emirates was 11,630. Inhabitants of the eight next wealthiest countries earned between 6,200 (United States) and 5,030 dollars (Iceland).

At the other end of the scale, 61 per cent of mankind lives on an average of less than 500 dollars and the inhabitants

of the world's 13 poorest nations — 30 per cent of the world's total — on under 200 dollars.

The report listed 10 African nations among the poorest, together with Haiti, Indonesia and South Vietnam.

Soviet Venus probes still in orbit, relaying data

MOSCOW, March 22, (R). — Two Soviet spacecraft, launched last June, have made over 70 orbits of the planet Venus and are still beaming back data to ground control, TASS news agency reported today.

The spacecraft Venus 9 and 10 have completed 75 and 71 orbits respectively, gathering information on the planet's cloud cover and upper atmosphere, TASS said.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils.

U.S. dollar:	331.0	331.0
U.K. sterling:	639.0	645.0
French franc:	71.2	71.5
Swiss franc:	131.4	131.8
German mark:	131.0	131.4
Iraqi dinar:	915.0	925.0
Saudi riyal:	93.2	93.7
Syrian pound:	84.0	84.1
Egyptian pound:	455.0	560.5
Lebanese pound:	131.0	132.2
UAE dirham:	83.3	83.8

The 12-day conference is the second out of three and will be followed by another at the end of June.

Reorganisation of the agency is expected to be completed at the earliest by 1978.

ECONOSCOPE

Central Bank is adept at the foreign exchange game

By Jawad Ahmad

One of the main functions of the Central Bank of Jordan is to manage the Kingdom's foreign reserve assets. Such assets are vital to Jordan because they serve two important functions. First, they are the medium used to purchase needed goods and services from abroad. Second, they are the collateral used for guaranteeing the convertibility of the Jordanian dinar. The confidence in the dinar has always been given top priority, and it has never been allowed to shake or dwindle.

However, all foreign reserves are not instantly used for the payment of imports. Some are tucked away in order to meet unforeseen future contingencies. These amounts are usually invested abroad in foreign securities or bonds which yield a certain profit margin. It is the Central Bank that must see to it that this profit is maximised within the minimum amount of risk.

Foreign reserve assets are made up of three main components: gold, gold tranche position in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and foreign exchange.

Gold is a dormant asset which does not yield any returns. Jordan owns about JD11 million worth of it. If the price of gold is considered as \$42.2 per fine ounce. However, the Central Bank has recently decided to revalue its gold holdings by up to \$100 per ounce. The ensuing JD 15.3 million dinars will be transferred to the newly established Pension Fund, which will invest these amounts in directly productive projects. The proceeds will help alleviate the burden of pension from the budget's shoulders.

The gold tranche position with the IMF is actually outside the domain of monetary authorities in Jordan. It can only be used when Jordan suffers from an external deficit or a sharp decline in exports.

However, the majority of foreign assets are in major foreign currencies. The portfolio contains such notable currencies as the dollar, German mark, Swiss franc, Dutch guilder, Belgian franc, sterling, French franc and

Italian lira. These currencies vary in their stability, and as of now the dollar and mark are more remarkably stable than the French franc, the pound sterling and the Italian lira.

The management of foreign reserves comes especially difficult with uncertainty in the international monetary market. The Central Bank of Jordan is not mainly interested in increasing its foreign investment, but in maintaining the value of its total foreign assets. Such value can be severely hurt by the decline in the prices of some major currencies comprising the foreign exchange portfolio.

In order to hedge against losses in value of its assets, the Central Bank started differentiating and diversifying its portfolio. For instance, it decreased the relative importance of its sterling holdings from 50 per cent in 1967 to three per cent in December 1975 and to 1.3 per cent at the end of February 1976. The same procedure has been followed with French francs and Italian liras. In contrast, the shares of dollars, marks and Belgian francs have been increased.

The Central Bank has done commendably in the management of its foreign reserves. It has shown foresight in predicting future developments in international markets and adopting the necessary precautionary measures. Given the fact that Jordan's share of foreign assets is very small relative to international liquidity, the Central Bank's performance is elevated to distinction.

The uncertainty and high risk conditions which prevailed in the international markets over the last three years should have made it more difficult to achieve a stable profit on foreign reserves.

However, the Central Bank has succeeded in increasing its profits from JD 6.3 million in 1973 to JD 8.8 million in 1974 to JD 10.9 million in 1975. At the same time external price of the dinar has shown remarkable stability.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed mixed to easier after a quiet session. Investors held back ahead of the Labour Party leadership elections.

Government stocks saw small buying in the medium long end of the market, and some issues were higher to 1/4 point.

But shorts lost 1/16 or 11 points.

Leading equities were mostly easier by 1p to 4p in trading, and at 1500 the F.T. index was down 2.9 at

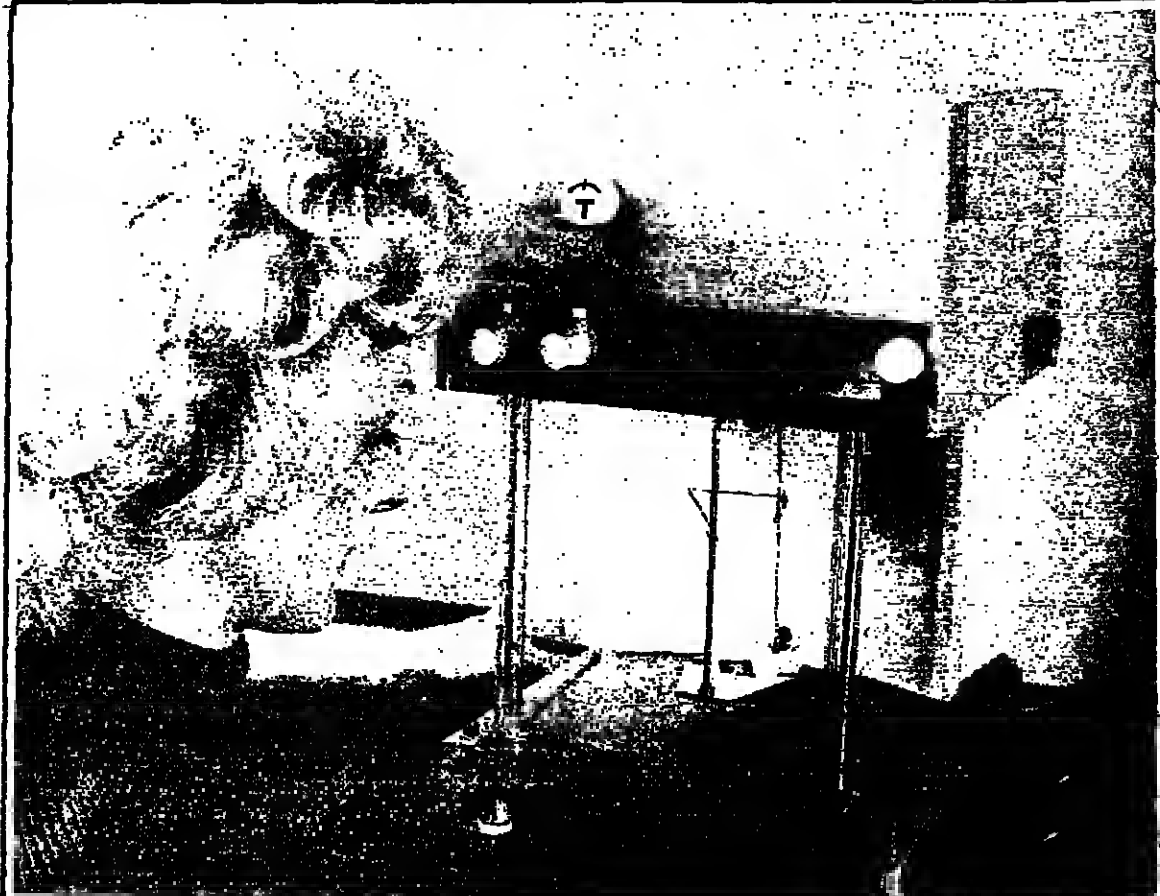
Oils eased slightly where changed, while leading bank shares mostly unchanged. Mining shares continued easier with Beers off 7p in its 'ex-dividend form,' and Southern Rhodesia bonds were marked down a point.

Australians were easier where changed.

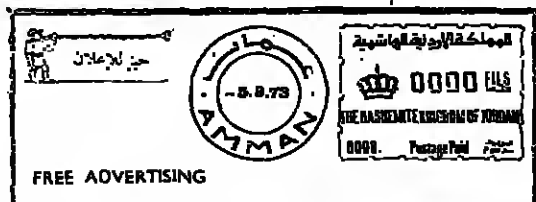
Among shares to gain modestly were Lucas Industries 2p ahead of figures later this week and Tubes, steady results on Wednesday. Rolls Royce was a penny easier its results.

GEC lost an early gain after press comment that it sell its 18 pct holding in ICH and it eventually finished a 3p loss. ICH lost 2p.

Among shares to lose between 2p and 4p were Court Bowater, ICI, Marks, Fisons, Glaxo, BAT, Thorn, EMI, H. Siddeley, Beecham and Unilever. Metal Box and Reed International lost 5p and 6p respectively.

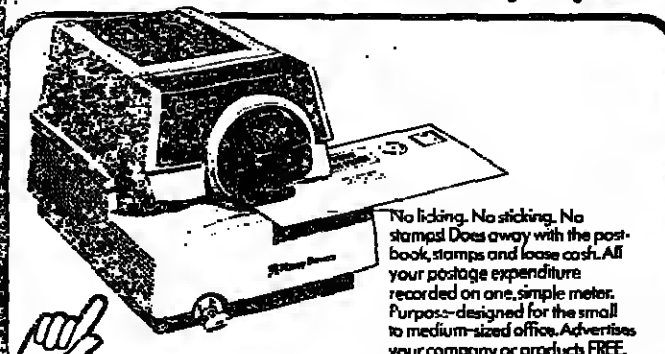


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10 days after a trip to the out- back to chase wild dogs. "The police just consider it a tradition to leave these pla- ces alone. Anyhow, if they shut them up, there'd be corruption all over town and they'd prob- ably have a rebellion on their hands."

Kalgoorlie, population 22,000, looks as if it had been lifted lock and cheap rooming house from the California gold rush days.

You stride down raised side- walks with wooden posts sup- porting the balconies above, pass noisy bars with pianos pl- aying and see banks with signs that read "licensed gold buy- ery."

The 150-man Mt. Charlot- te gold mine still cranks away downtown, right across from the Federal Hotel. Weekend s prospectors tunnel and pan for gold in the nearby scrub.

Kalgoorlie (if you're initiat- ed, you don't pronounce the "r") was the center of the big Australian gold rushes in the second half of the last cen- tury. American prospectors' ca- me here after the steam went out of the California boom, and even Herbert Hoover, the former U.S. President, spent 10 years here as a young mining engineer.

Today, gold mining is still big business in the town, 350 miles east through flat desert working men— and scrub land from the West," said Barney Per- orlie game war- th. But the gold isn't expected to last forever, at least in co-

mmercial quantities.

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Meantime, the living conti- nues friendly and easy here. The locals have made their pe- ace with the thousands of visi- tors who regularly tramp th- rough the town and over the old mine shafts honeycombing the countryside.

The 20th century has intrud- ed into Kal in the form of Ken- tucky Fried Chicken commer-

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STRONG BUT SILENT. — Several life-size and heavy dolls have been purchased for the German national wrestling team over the past couple of years. They have proved to be ideal "training partners" for with them it is possible to practise all kinds of grips and throws. In comparison to real live training partners, the dolls have the advantage that the starting position for all grips is the same.

U.S. nuclear plants a target for cranks?

WASHINGTON, March 19, ing that a home-made bomb near a nuclear power station was found near a reactor at in Michigan.

Congress Watch said most of the threats took the form of anonymous telephone calls, so- metimes accompanied by ran- was said to have been found som demands.

Congress Watch, a consu- mers' association which con- sider safety precautions at nuclear power plants and other installations are insufficient, said that over the past seven years 175 threats had been made against nuclear plants.

It cited the Nuclear Regula- tory Commission (NRC) as say-

Coffee drinking not dangerous for heart

BOSTON, MASSACHUSET- TS, March 18, (AFP). — Drink- ing coffee has little effect on the heart, according to Boston specialist Dr Charles Henneke- ns.

In a report published by the New England Journal of Medi- cine, Dr Hennekens argues that all previous studies linking coffee drinking to heart ailmen- ts did not take into considera- tion other factors which could have caused these ailments.

Dr Hennekens concluded, after studying 649 deaths from heart trouble among men aged between 30 and 70 that factors most often associated with de- ath were heart damage linked to earlier blockage of an artery, diabetes, cigarette smoking, ph- ysical activity, weight or high blood pressure... but not co- ffee.

"The risk, if there is any, of dying of a heart ailment be- cause of drinking coffee seem very slight", said Dr Hennek- ens.



SPINNING FOR GOLD. — Dorothy Hamill of the United States showed nearly flawless form as she competed at the Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria. The 19-year-old figure skater from Riverside (Connecticut) stunned the audience and judges with her beautiful routines and won the Gold Medal.

Tonight's TV Features

BARBARY COAST
MARY HAD MORE THAN A LITTLE
A group of thieves try to steal the safe of a company with the help of an insider. They get caught in the end.

SWITCH

KISS OF DEATH

A female friend of MacBride involved with a crook who steals from her 100,000 dollars having promised to marry her, turns to MacBride for help.

JUSTICE

AFTER ALL, WHAT IS A LIE?
Dr. Ian Moody finds himself accused of unprofessional conduct with one of his female patients. He faces a general Medical Council Disciplinary Committee on charges of misconduct.

Television

CHANNEL 6:
7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties
8.30 Doctor in the house
9.00 Science report
9.10 Justice
10.00 News in English
10.15 Switch (on both chan- nels)

Amman Airport

ARRIVALS:
8.30 Bangkok, Bahrain
9.30 Kuwait (KAC)
9.50 Beirut
16.15 Cairo
16.30 Paris
16.55 London
17.15 Copenhagen
17.20 Copenhagen, Frank- furt
17.45 Rome
18.30 Beirut (MEA)
18.40 Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)

Radio

(ON 856 KHZ)
7.00 Breakfast show
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning melodies
8.00 Sign off
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (Part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Good vibrations
15.00 Classical music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Story time
18.45 Break for music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News reports
19.30 Sign off

Market Price

Apples (golden): 100-140
Apples (starken): 120-160
Apples (double red): 200-250
Bell pepper: 400-480
Bananas: 150-190
Cabbage: 50-65
Cauliflower: 50-70
Carrots (yellow): 50-65
Carrots (black): 50-70
Cucumbers (small): 150-200
Cucumbers (large): 80-120
Eggplant (large): 100-130
Grapefruit: 50-70
Green walnut (local): 190-220
Green walnut (dry): 200-240
Green walnut (Sy.): 240-280
Garlic (dry): 50-80
Garlic (green): 5-70
Lettuce (large): 60-80
Lettuce (small): 30-50
Lemon: 80-110
Hors beans: 80-110
Hot pepper: 400-480
Marrow (small): 100-140
Marrow (large): 50-80
Oranges: 80-120
Onions (dry): 140-180

Onions (green): 140-200
Potatoes (local): 100-130
Potatoes (Egyptian): 80-110
Peas: 160-200
Spinach: 50-70
String beans: 200-260
Tangerines: 70-100
Tomatoes: 50-80

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Dr. Saadi Dabour: (39744)

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Central: (24217)

TAXIS:
Taxina: (44660)
Tower: (21028)
Khayyam: (41541)

Callaghan still favoured for nomination

LONDON, March 22, (R). — Secretary Roy Jenkins and Nominations for the Labour Party leadership race closed today with middle-roader James Callaghan still favoured to beat off a strong left wing challenge and become Britain's next Prime Minister.

As Labour members of parliament began collecting their ballot papers this afternoon to choose between six cabinet ministers, support was reported to be growing for ardent leftist Employment Secretary Michael Foot.

Bookmakers shortened bet-

There are 317 members who have the right to vote in the secret ballot which runs from today until Thursday.

Mr Foot, according to many observers, may win the first ballot, but is unlikely to capture more than half the votes cast—the necessary margin for an outright win.

At least two Labourites may not vote. Mr James Sillars and Mr John Robertson said at the

weekend they will abstain because they have formed a breakaway "Scottish Labour Party."

U.S. warns Israel

TEL AVIV, March 22, (R). — U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon has warned Israelis that attacks on Washington for supplying military transport planes to Egypt might undermine the special relationship between the United States and Israel.

Addressing university students here yesterday, Mr Toon said: "The Americans do not like to be told that if they supply C-130's (Hercules transport aircraft) to Egypt, they encourage war."

Criticising the United States in this manner, he said: "risks spoiling the special relationship which has been built over the years."

Mr Toon pointed to proof of Washington's goodwill to Israel, such as a five-fold increase of aid in three years and the use of the veto in the United Nations Security Council.

Americans resented unjustified criticism which unduly inflated occasional differences into dangerous tensions, the Ambassador said.

Sampson trial postponed

NICOSIA, March 22, (R). — Nicos Sampson, who was briefly President of Cyprus after the 1974 coup which toppled Archbishop Makarios, was taken Monday handcuffed and with a strong police escort to the Nicosia district court, where his remand order was renewed until Saturday.

The former EOKA supporter was arrested on March 16 on charges of carrying out or aiding warlike undertakings against the state. Conviction would carry a penalty of up to life imprisonment.

Arab protests continue on W. Bank

(Continued from page 1) may be hurried during the night. Preparations by police in Jerusalem indicated the boy may be buried during the night to avoid demonstrations but officials declined to confirm this.

An Arab man from Salfit in the occupied West Bank also died in hospital after complaining of feeling unwell after a clash between demonstrators and soldiers, army sources said.

An Israeli soldier has been detained and is to be charged with shooting the boy. An official announcement said last night the shots were believed to have been fired from a military van.

West Bankers send cable to U.N.

(Continued from page 1) ing what is taking place in the West Bank, we seize the opportunity of the convening of the Security Council to declare our rejection and condemnation of Israeli occupation and to declare to the whole world that we will not relinquish our rights, and that we are determined to have those rights restored. We believe that the time has come for the international community to implement the principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations, in deed and not just in word."

The cable was signed by the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah, El Bireh, Bir Zeit, Tulkarm and Janin, all of whom resigned in protest during the past week. It was also signed by the former Speaker of the Jordanian parliament and the head of the Islamic Council in Jerusalem, among others.



CONCLUDES VISIT. — French premier Jacques Chirac shakes hands with Libyan Leader Muammar Khaddafi Sunday during his three day official visit to Libya. (AP wirephoto).

Ford, Carter widely expected to win N. Carolina primary

DURHAM, North Carolina, March 22, (R). — Ronald Reagan and George Wallace made last minute campaign appearances today hoping to stave off defeat in tomorrow's North Carolina primary which would probably end their presidential hopes.

But political experts are convinced President Ford will win the Republican race in this southern state to widen his already formidable lead over Mr Reagan. They also feel that former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter will strengthen his position as the front-running Democrat, heating Alabama's Governor Wallace.

Confidence is running high in the Ford and Carter camps, even though their candidates did not campaign in the state today.

The field of Democratic candidates—now eight following the withdrawal of the late President Kennedy's brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver, announced in Washington today—is led by Mr Carter.

He has won all the primaries except Massachusetts, where Senator Henry Jackson of Washington State and Mr Wallace finished ahead of him.

In Washington Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey reaffirmed that in spite of rumors to the contrary, he would not participate in any primary elections to try to win the presidential nomination of his PLO seated at UN

(Continued from page 1) the occupied Arab territories," to call for immediate & effective steps to end violations, and to rescind all previous measures taken by Israel in Jerusalem and on the West Bank.

"We cannot stand idle in the face of Israeli terrorism," he added.

Israeli measures in the West Bank would harm the chances for a negotiated peace, he concluded.

When the debate was resumed after lunch, the first speaker was Jordanian Ambassador Abdul Hamid Sharaf.

In the past, some Council members had found an excuse for inaction in technical arguments and claims that action would undercut unilateral initiatives, he said.

The Council must act immediately to highlight the urgency and seriousness of the situation. World opinion must know and be called upon to help the victims of aggression.

Israel must be compelled to abide by the principles of international law governing the conduct of the occupying power in the occupied area, Mr. Sharaf said.

Kreisky ends tour

(Continued from page 1) ing efforts to achieve peace." He added that Socialist parties adopted a positive stand towards the rights of the Palestine Arab People, and this represented an essential factor in finding a peaceful solution in the region.

Libyan-French talks end closer cooperation ties.

TRIPOLI, March 22 (AFP). — French Premier Jacques Chirac wound up an official visit to Libya today with both sides stressing the political rather than economic nature of the trip.

This morning Mr. Chirac and his Libyan counterpart Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, signed four documents which had been prepared for the visit. They covered economic, technical, scientific, cultural and maritime interests.

The political side of the talks was illustrated however, by Mr. Chirac's three-hour meeting last night with Libyan Chief of State Colonel Muammar Khaddafi and Major Jalloud at the Nasser air base at Tohruk.

Col. Khaddafi later told newsmen that he did not believe that "the fact of seeking concrete results had any interest."

The three leaders examined, rather, "what is useful in general for world peace," a French official said.

The talks covered a range of problems affecting France, Libya, the Clausevre affair which a French woman kidnapped by Chad rebel North-South dialogue and ropean-Arab relations.

Today's documents included the following:

1) A general economic technical cooperation agreement which set up a joint mission to meet at minimum level annually alternately in Tripoli. The agreement fixed privileged relations between certain number of fields in Libya.

2) A cultural and scientific agreement which would grant preferential treatment to French ships in Libya where there are often for unloading because of efficient port facilities.

3) A maritime agreement granting preferential treatment to French ships in Libya where there are often for unloading because of efficient port facilities.

4) An account of conclusions reached by both sides during the talks.

A government spokesman said later that France agreed to supply Libya nuclear power plant.

The spokesman stressed the plant could not be used for military purposes.

More cargo via Suez to Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, 22 (AFP). — Eight shipping Israeli cargos, including tankers, have sailed the Suez Canal since Israel's agreement with Egypt in effect, it was announced today.

Israeli Transport Gad Yaakobi also told that work would begin on the creation of a water port on the Mediterranean coast at Yamit, Gaza and the Sinai Peninsula.

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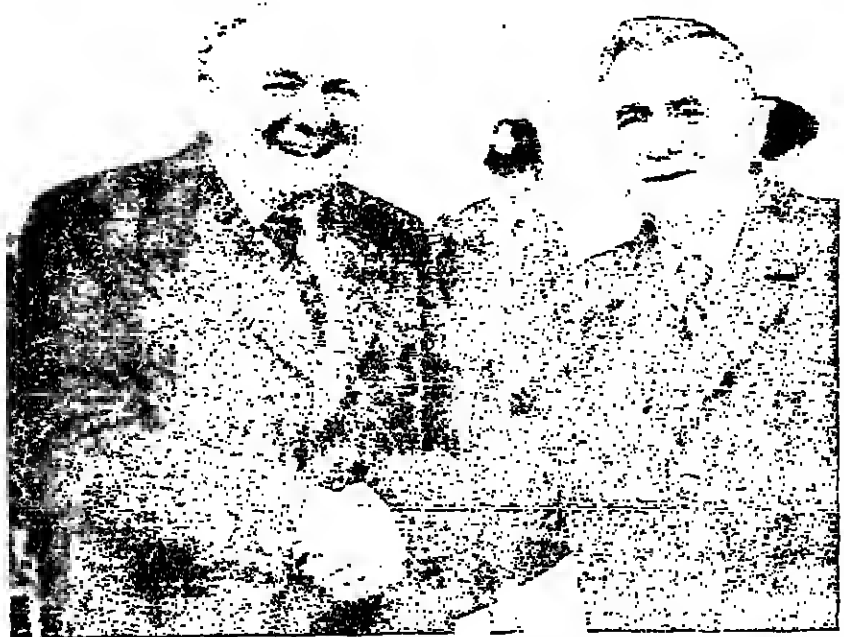
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PROBLEMS AHEAD, British Foreign Minister James Callaghan while receiving Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at Heathrow airport in London Monday smiles for photographers knowing many problems will be discussed later. (AP wirephoto).

ting odds on Mr Foot from 6-1 to 9-2, but Foreign Secretary Callaghan remained ahead with the odds of 1-2.

The entry into the contest of two leftists—Mr Foot and Energy Secretary Tony Benn was originally thought likely to split the vote of the approximately 70 Labour leftwingers.

Party sources said, however, that many have swung fully behind Mr Foot, as hopeful of capturing broader support than Mr Benn whose socialist ideas are more feared by businessmen.

Mr Callaghan is running as the "unity" candidate who can heal rifts between the centre and left of the party, but the situation is complicated by another centrist candidate, Environment Secretary Anthony Crosland, and two powerful figures more to the right—Home

Tito ends Latin America tour

BELGRADE, March 22 (AFP). — President Tito flew back here today at the end of his Latin American tour and three-day stopover in Portugal.

Observers suggested that one of the attributed aims of the tour — persuading Venezuela and Mexico to come over to the non-aligned nations movement before the August summit in Colombo — had not been attained.

However, it appeared that following Marshal Tito's talks with Portuguese President Costa Gomes that Portugal might be an "observer" in Colombo.

Marshal Tito is to be host here soon to Sri Lanka Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike before making an official visit to Sweden at the end of the month.

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